

[0017] FIG. 7C is a representation of the turbofan engine of FIG. 7A equipped with another exemplary embodiment of a bypass air valve of the present disclosure;

[0018] FIG. 7D is a representation of the turbofan engine of FIG. 7A equipped with another exemplary embodiment of a bypass air valve of the present disclosure;

[0019] FIGS. 8A-8D are representations of the means for selectively actuating the bypass air valve of the present disclosure in various stages of actuation;

[0020] FIG. 9 is another representation of the means for selectively actuating the bypass air valve of the present disclosure;

[0021] FIG. 10 illustrates how the exemplary liner disclosed herein achieves acceptable fan stall margin and fan flutter margin during fan operation without the use of variable fan duct stream nozzle area;

[0022] FIG. 11 illustrates a reduction in liner pressure ratio that results with increasing the bypass air valve flow;

[0023] FIG. 12 illustrates how the available liner pressure ratio may be influenced by thermodynamic cycle selection to increase the potential for bypass air valve flow; and

[0024] FIG. 13 illustrates how the selection of the location where fan duct stream air enters the turbine exhaust stream may be used to increase the static pressure ratio controlling bypass air valve flow for a given total pressure ratio, thereby increasing the potential for bypass air valve flow.

[0025] Like reference numbers and designations in the various drawings indicate like elements.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0026] Referring now to FIGS. 6 and 7A-7D, a single stage, high bypass ratio turbofan engine 10 may be described as having a gas turbine engine nacelle 11 having disposed within a fan 12, a compressor section 14, a combustor 16, a turbine section 18, a bypass air valve 20, a bypass fan duct nozzle 22 and a turbine exhaust nozzle 24, all disposed concentrically about a centerline 30 of the engine 10. Air exiting the fan 12 is divided between the turbine exhaust stream flow 26 and fan exhaust stream flow 28. Turbine exhaust stream flow 26 follows a path through the compressor section 14, combustor 16, turbine section 18, and turbine exhaust nozzle 24 in that order. Turbine exhaust stream flow 26 may, therefore, be described as following a path substantially parallel to the centerline 30. Fan exhaust stream flow 28 also follows a path parallel to the centerline 30, but instead flows through the fan bypass duct 32 and exits the fan bypass duct nozzle 22. A transfer flow 36 is transferred from the fan exhaust stream flow 28 to the turbine exhaust stream flow 26 through the bypass air valve 20. Selection of the thermodynamic cycle for the engine 10 and the location selected for the transfer of fan exhaust stream flow 28 to the turbine exhaust stream flow 26 can be established so that the transfer flow 36 is at a higher pressure than a pressure of the turbine exhaust stream flow 26 at a flow transfer location 34. Generally, the flow transfer location is the location where the transfer of the fan exhaust stream flow to the turbine engine exhaust stream flow takes place. Various flow transfer locations are illustrated in FIGS. 7A-7D.

[0027] As illustrated in FIG. 6, the bypass air valve 20 may comprise a substantially circular shaped liner 40 having at least one aperture(s) 42 and at least one impermeable region 44. The phrase "substantially circular shape" means a shape able to be concentrically disposed about a turbofan engine component such as, but not limited to, a fan bypass duct, a turbine exhaust case, a turbine exhaust nozzle, a bypass air

valve support, any component located between the fan bypass duct and turbine exhaust nozzle, and the like.

[0028] Referring again to FIGS. 7A-7D, the bypass air valve 20 may be installed at any location from between the fan bypass duct 32 to the turbine exhaust stream nozzle 24. In FIG. 7A, the bypass air valve may be concentrically disposed about an interior surface 31 of the fan bypass duct 32. In FIG. 7B, the bypass air valve may be concentrically disposed about an exterior surface 33 of the turbine exhaust case 35, and the interior surface 31 includes a plurality of apertures 37 described further below. In FIG. 7C, the bypass air valve 20 may be concentrically disposed about an exterior surface 25 of the turbine exhaust nozzle 24 and between the exterior surface 25 and an interior surface 23 of a core nacelle 21 of the nacelle 11. The core nacelle 21 is the portion of the nacelle 11 extending from the combustor section 16 to the turbine exhaust nozzle 24. And, the interior surface 31 includes a plurality of apertures 37 described further below. FIG. 7D illustrates how the bypass air valve 20 may be concentrically disposed about any surface at a location from between the fan bypass duct 32 to the turbine exhaust nozzle 24. For example, surfaces such as surfaces 25, 33 include an area having at least one aperture 37 that are located in a position to either align with at least one aperture 42 or at least one impermeable region 44 of the liner 40 of the bypass air valve 20. The alignment of the apertures 42 and apertures 37 create the aforementioned flow transfer that enters the exhaust stream flow at location 34. In the alternative, a bypass air valve structure 45 may be disposed at a location from between the fan bypass duct 32 to the turbine exhaust stream nozzle 24. The bypass air valve structure 45 is designed to support the bypass air valve 20, provide a surface area 47 having at least one aperture 37 as described above, and provide separation between the fan exhaust flow stream and the turbine exhaust stream flow.

[0029] The means for selectively actuating the liner 40 may comprise a means for selectively circumferentially actuating 48 the liner 40 about a turbine engine component, or a means for selectively axially actuating the liner 40 about the turbine engine component along the centerline 30. The means for selectively axially actuating the liner 40 axially about the turbine engine component along the centerline 30 may comprise any type of actuating device capable of such movement as known to one of ordinary skill in the art. A representative means for selectively circumferentially actuating 48 the liner 40 circumferentially may comprise as the mechanism disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,775,098 to Philippona, assigned to United Technologies Corporation, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, and illustrated herein at FIGS. 8A-8D and 9. The range of motion of actuation, whether actuating circumferentially or axially, may be determined by the distance between the apertures 37 of the turbine engine component with respect to the apertures 42 and impermeable regions 44 of the liner 40. For example, the liner 40 may be actuated axially a distance sufficient, e.g., in inches (millimeters) to substantially align the apertures 37 of the turbine engine component with the apertures 42 or impermeable regions 44. Likewise, the liner 40 may be actuated circumferentially a distance, e.g., in degrees (radians), sufficient to substantially align the apertures 37 of the turbine engine component with the apertures 42 or impermeable regions 44.

[0030] Referring now to FIGS. 8A-8D and 9, the means for selectively circumferentially actuating 48 is shown. The means for selectively circumferentially actuating 48 may be